

**AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:**

Please amend claims 1, 4, 9, 11, 16, 17, and 22, as shown below.

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the Application:

**Claim 1 (currently amended):** A pressure intensifier assembly comprising:

[[ (i) ]] a high-pressure barrel assembly;

~~[[ (ii) ]]~~ ~~pressurizing means~~ a pressure generator;

[[ (iii) ]] a first and a second end closure assembly;

[[ (iv) ]] a tension frame assembly adapted to resist axial load exerted, in use, along the longitudinal axis of the high-pressure barrel assembly; and

~~wherein the intensifier assembly further comprises at least one clamping piston adapted to preload the end closure(s) and the high-pressure barrel assembly against the tension frame assembly in order to overbalance anticipated internal end loads.~~

**Claim 2 (previously presented):** A pressure intensifier assembly as claimed in claim 1, wherein the tension frame assembly takes the form of a yoke.

**Claim 3 (currently amended):** A pressure intensifier assembly as claimed in claim 1, wherein [[ in ]] the assembly further comprises a first and a second high pressure seal assembly, said seal assemblies being located at either end of the high-pressure barrel assembly.

**Claim 4 (currently amended):** A pressure intensifier assembly as claimed in claim 1, wherein said ~~pressurizing means~~ pressure generator comprises a hydraulic ram assembly.

**Claim 5 (previously presented):** A pressure intensifier assembly as claimed in claim 1, wherein the assembly further comprises a stand.

**Claim 6 (previously presented):** A pressure intensifier assembly as claimed in claim 1,

wherein the high-pressure barrel assembly is detachably mountable from the intensifier assembly.

**Claim 7 (previously presented):** A pressure intensifier assembly as claimed in claim 6, wherein the high-pressure barrel assembly is detachable from the intensifier assembly without the need to undo a screw thread.

**Claim 8 (previously presented):** A pressure intensifier assembly as claimed in claim 1, wherein at least one end closure is retractable and, once retracted, the assembly is adapted such that the pressure barrel assembly becomes detachable from the intensifier assembly.

**Claim 9 (currently amended):** A pressure intensifier assembly as claimed in claim 1, wherein said assembly further comprises a high-pressure barrel assembly lifting ~~means~~unit.

**Claim 10 (previously presented):** A pressure intensifier assembly as claimed in claim 5, wherein the high-pressure barrel assembly is pivotally mounted with respect to the stand.

**Claim 11 (currently amended):** A pressure intensifier assembly comprising:

[[i)] a high-pressure barrel assembly;

[[ii)] at least one end closure assembly; and

~~wherein the intensifier assembly further comprises at least one clamping piston adapted~~  
to preload the end closure(s) and the high-pressure barrel assembly in order to overbalance anticipated internal end loads.

**Claim 12 (previously presented):** A pressure intensifier assembly as claimed in claim 11, further comprising a tension frame assembly adapted to resist axial load exerted, in use, along the longitudinal axis of the high pressure barrel assembly.

**Claim 13 (previously presented):** A pressure intensifier assembly as claimed in claim 12, wherein the clamping piston acts against the tension frame assembly.

**Claim 14 (previously presented):** A pressure intensifier assembly as claimed in claim 12, wherein the tension frame assembly takes the form of a yoke.

**Claim 15 (previously presented):** A pressure intensifier assembly as claimed in claim 11, wherein the assembly further comprises a first and a second high pressure seal assembly, said seal assemblies being located at either end of the high-pressure barrel assembly.

**Claim 16 (currently amended):** A pressure intensifier assembly as claimed in claim 11, further comprising a ~~pressurizing means~~pressure generator.

**Claim 17 (currently amended):** A pressure intensifier assembly as claimed in claim 16, wherein said ~~pressurizing means~~ pressure generator comprises a hydraulic ram assembly.

**Claim 18 (previously presented):** A pressure intensifier assembly as claimed in claim 11, wherein the assembly further comprises a stand.

**Claim 19 (previously presented):** A pressure intensifier assembly as claimed in claim 11, wherein the high-pressure barrel assembly is detachably mountable from the intensifier assembly.

**Claim 20 (previously presented):** A pressure intensifier assembly as claimed in claim 19, wherein the high-pressure barrel assembly is detachable from the intensifier assembly without the need to undo a screw thread.

**Claim 21 (previously presented):** A pressure intensifier assembly as claimed in claim 19, wherein at least one end closure is retractable and, once retracted, the assembly is adapted such that the pressure barrel assembly becomes detachable from the intensifier assembly.

**Claim 22 (currently amended):** A pressure intensifier assembly as claimed in claim 11, wherein said assembly further comprises a high-pressure barrel assembly lifting ~~[[means]]~~unit.

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**Claim 23 (previously presented):** A pressure intensifier assembly as claimed in claim 18,  
wherein the high-pressure barrel assembly is pivotally mounted with respect to the stand.

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